

Exemptions from Testing

	Explanation
NH Statewide Assessment State Approved Special Considerations (SASC)	1. A district that determines a student is unable to take the ACCESS test must provide the appropriate forms of the SASC to Tim Kurtz at the NH DOE.
	2. The SASC forms must be submitted every year for each student who is unable to take the ACCESS.
	3. The <u>Student Information Form</u> must be filled out for <u>all</u> students who are unable to take the ACCESS test.
	4. Three of the forms are based on a significant medical or emotional disruption in a student's life. The request to submit should be made by an educational team consisting of the student's ESOL teachers, school counselor, principal, parents or legal guardian, medical or mental health professional, and, if possible, the student.
	5. The three forms that can be requested by the educational team are <u>SASC-1</u> : Medical Emergency or Serious Illness; <u>SASC-2</u> : Severe Emotional Stress; and <u>SASC-3</u> : Death in the Family.
	6. The other SASC forms are administrative and the request may be made by district personnel.
	7. The three forms that may be requested by district personnel are <u>SASC-4</u> : Enrolling after start of NH-ALT testing; <u>SASC-5</u> : Participating in another State's Assessment Program; and <u>SASC-6</u> : Exemptions from ACCESS for ELLs [®] based on NH-Alt participation.
	8. The decision to test or not test a student should not depend on the outcome of the request to the NH DOE. If a student can be assessed, he or she should be assessed. The result of an approved exemption is applied only to assessment and accountability reporting.
	9. The <u>SASC-6</u> : Exemption from ACCESS for students participating in NH-Alt must be submitted from <u>March 1 – March 31</u> . Please fax the completed forms (<u>no e-mail</u>) to: 603/271-0053 or Send the original signed forms to: Tim Kurtz Director of Statewide Assessment NH Department of Education 101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301
	10. Please see the current SASC document on the NECAP website at: (http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/admin/admin11.htm)